



DANTES Working Group meets in Pensacola

The annual DANTES Working Group Meeting was held on 29 May at DANTES in Pensacola, Florida. Each spring, the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (P&R) oversees an all-Services review of the programs and activities of DANTES. The meeting results in annual programs, policy, and fiscal guidance for DANTES.

Representatives from each Service attended the meeting and included Ms. Dian Stoskopf, Army; Mr. Jim Sweizer, Air Force; LCDR Steven Stopler and Dr. Jeff Cropsey, Navy; Mr. Vern Taylor and Ms. Belinda Jones, Marine Corps; and Ms. Joyce

Taylor, Coast Guard. Mr. Gary Woods, OSD (P&R) chaired the meeting. Dr. Barry Cobb, Director and Mrs. Carol Osborn, Deputy Director, represented DANTES. Staff members provided briefings, detailed issue papers, charts, and data.

The participants reviewed all of the programs and services provided by DANTES and developed recommendations for future activities. Issues of particular interest this year included the DOD Worldwide Education Symposium, CLEP testing, the introduction of FAA Certification Examinations, the Troops to Teachers program, and technology issues.

Counseling in the military

As a professional counselor in the military, the counselor's job is to help military personnel choose appropriate educational experiences that will be useful to them during and after their Military Service. An important part of the counseling process is to help the client make choices for specific

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education experiences toward some pragmatic and career-oriented goal. Previously, this has been relatively easy under a structurally controlled process organized for everyone to use. However, the former processes in professional counseling have changed and continue to change, especially in the area of computers, the "information highway," and distance learning. The computer has become a major part in our cognitive process, as well as the record-keeping process for the professional counselor. The information highway has become a part of our everyday lives in such a way as to allow our every day use of the computer in paying bills, transacting financial business, and enrolling in college and training

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L to R: Dr. Barry Cobb, DANTES; Ms. Dian Stoskopf, Army; Mr. Vern Taylor, Marine Corps; Mr. Jim Sweizer, Air Force; LCDR Steven Stopler, Navy; Ms. Joyce Taylor, Coast Guard; and Mr. Gary Woods, OSD, P&R.

DANTES Distance Learning Catalog updates

DANTES Catalog of Nationally Accredited Distance Learning Programs

Add the following to the schools
affiliated with DANTES:

University of Management and Technology

1925 N. Lynn St., 3rd Floor
Arlington, VA 22209

(703) 516-0035

Toll free 800-924-4883

Fax: (703) 516-0985

E-mail: info@umtweb.edu

Internet: <http://www.umtweb.edu>

Accreditation: Distance Education
and Training Council

Master of Science in Management

Project Management

Acquisition Management

Telecommunications

Management

Public Administration

General Management

Master of Business Administration

General Management

Project Management

Master of Science in Computer

Science and Information

Technology

Computer Science

Software Engineering

Management Information

Systems

Multimedia Technology

Graduate Certificate in Project

Management

Executive Certificate in Project

Management

College of the Humanities and Sciences

1105 East Broadway

Tempe, AZ 85282

(480) 317-5955

Toll free 877-248-6724

Fax: (408) 829-4999

E-mail: information@chumsci.edu

Internet: <http://www.chumsci.edu>

Accreditation: Distance Education
and Training Council

Associate of Arts in Humanities

Bachelor of Arts in Humanities

Master of Arts in Humanities

DANTES External Degree Catalog

Add the following to the schools
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505 West Whipple Street

Prescott, AZ 86301

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Fax: (928) 541-7817

E-mail: enroll@ncu.edu

Internet: <http://www.ncu.edu/>

military

Bachelor of Business Administration

Accounting

Applied Computer Science

Criminal Justice Administration

Management

Marketing

Bachelor of Arts Psychology

Master of Business Administration

Applied Computer Science

Criminal Justice Administration

Electronic Commerce

Financial Management

Health Care Administration

Human Resources Management

International Business

Management

*Management of Engineering and
Technology*

Management Information

Systems

Public Administration

Master of Arts in Psychology

General Psychology

Health Psychology/Behavioral

Medicine

Industrial/Organizational

Psychology

Ph.D. in Business Administration

Applied Computer Science

Criminal Justice Administration

Electronic Commerce

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Health Care Administration

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Psychology

Calendar

September

13-17 Praxis*

October

3 Excelsior Extended Response (Essay)

4 LSAT

6-10 CLEP General English Comp w/ Essay* +

November

10-15 GRE Subject*

15-19 Praxis*

13, 18, 20 ASE (Conus)**

18, 19, 20 ASE (Overseas)**

December

5 Excelsior Extended Response (Essay)

6 LSAT

15-20 GRE Subject*

Notes:

Overseas test centers send orders 6 weeks before the test date. Conus test centers send orders 4 weeks before the test date. Contractors ship tests to arrive just before the planned test date.

*Select only one test date from the published period for DANTES testing and specify that date on the order form.

**Deadline for ordering ASE exams is 19 September.

+ Last administration of paper-based CLEP General English Composition with Essay.

http://www.dantes.doded.mil/dantes_web/library/docs/examinations/02-03cal.doc

Paper-based CLEP General English Composition with Essay test to be retired

The Calendar on this page is correct; 6-10 October 2003 is the last ever administration of the **paper-based** "CLEP General English Composition with Essay" test at DANTES Test Centers. Now is the time to advertise for this exam so orders can be mailed to ETS/CGI 4 to 6 weeks before the scheduled test date.

Question: Is there anything available to replace this test?

Answer: Yes and no. However, there are viable options to explore with examinees.

- ◆ First, ask the individual if the college requires the essay test. The current paper-based CLEP General English Composition without Essay will not retire until 30 November 2003.
- ◆ Will the CLEP Subject, Freshman College Composition or other Literature exams with optional Essays be acceptable to the college? Most will be around until Jan 04 and two of them until Mar 04. Remember, the college grades the essay.
- ◆ Will the college accept the Excelsior College English Composition with Essay?
- ◆ A few colleges award credit based on the English portion of the ACT Assessment.
- ◆ Finally, explain to the individual that the exam is available as a CLEP eCBT test at National Test Centers in Conus. Currently, DANTES does not fund these tests.

As discussed at the DOD World-wide Education Symposium, DANTES is currently contracting with College Board to provide funded CLEP eCBT computer-based testing at National Test Centers (colleges and universities) after January 2004. Additionally, College Board is developing a paper-based version of 14 high volume/high pass rate CLEP tests for introduction at DANTES Test Centers starting in April 2004; however, CLEP English with Essay will not be one of them.

COOL Web site address changes

The Web site address printed in the May 2003 Bulletin article entitled "Army education's COOL celebrates first anniversary" has changed to <https://www.cool.army.mil>.

Great news!

U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools News Release - June 4, 2003: Army to Award Promotion Points - Certification

Starting in October, the Army will begin awarding promotion points to their automotive mechanics and electronics repairmen who earn civilian technical certification directly

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Counseling

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courses. While ongoing, structured classroom activities are constant, the new distance learning systems operating on military bases and throughout the world by colleges and universities are forever changing.

To stay abreast of these changes, DANTES has a special Web site with various educational and academic/vocational counseling support resources. This site has 25 links and is one of the many innovative ap-

proaches that can be used by professional counselors within the military environment. The Web site is called "Internet Resources on Colleges and Careers" and can be found at http://www.dantes.doded.mil/dantes_web/refpubs/inetres.htm.

This site contains online financial aid information, college and university search sites, government sites (to include VA and accreditation verification sites), resources on distance learning, career information, and Foreign Transcript Evaluation Services. DANTES strives to keep this Web site up-to-date and new items of interest to counselors and students are added as found.

While the professional counselor should stay current in these and all

new innovative processes, they must always stay focused on the needs of the client. Also, whether using printed reference publications or online resources, they must always work to ensure the client realizes their efforts are made with the client's personal educational goals in mind. These online resources are primarily for counselors, but Service members themselves can benefit from accessing this Web site and the many links on it. Counselors are encouraged to print out this Web page and provide it as a handout in briefings

and counseling sessions. Those who are cyber-savvy will find a wealth of educational information at their fingertips by using this Web site.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this site, please contact the DANTES Reference Publications Manager at (850) 452-1763 or DSN 922-1763 or e-mail refpubs@voled.doded.mil.

The Manager always welcomes input from the field. DANTES strives to meet the needs of counselors and to expand their basis of knowledge in order to provide the best assistance possible to help Service members reach their educational goals.

Program updates

MBTI training at Worldwide 2003: order with the forms you received

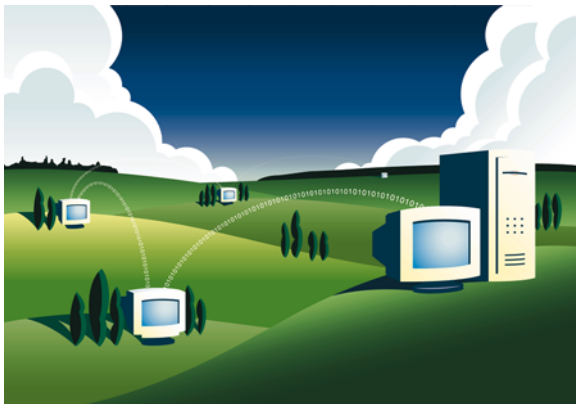
The training at WW03 was conducted, and now as requests begin to arrive for processing, we remind you that the MBTI has a special order form. It was provided to all attending the MBTI training workshops during the Symposium. This is the only form that can be used to order the materials. Also, it must be mailed or faxed to Code 10J or 10B instead of the Distribution Center.

DISCOVER Program expanded to Army National Guard

The Army National Guard (ARNG) has joined the extended family of DISCOVER program users. The ACT Inc.-supplied software will be delivered via the Internet to 55 sites in the country. By using this delivery method, the ARNG does not need to submit quarterly reports since the information is supplied directly to DANTES. We welcome the ARNG onboard.

DISCOVER reports

Reports for the next cycle are due to DANTES at the end of September. We continue to have centers contact us at report time indicating that they know they had users on the system but show no usage. Check to see if the users listed an SSN in the proper entry area. If nothing is there then you have found the problem. The individual **must** fill-in an SSN number. Without some SSN listed, no count will be credited to your system or our yearly totals. Internet users no longer have to send reports to DANTES as we will obtain the information through access with the contractor's servers.



Teacher licensing and certification requirements

Teacher licensure/certification requirements are determined by each state. Most require completion of specific subject and education courses, with some requiring that teachers pass a licensing test. Direct links to the state's licensing requirements are available via the Troops to Teachers home page at <http://ProudToServeAgain.Com>.

In general, most states require teachers to:

- ◆ Possess a bachelor's degree, and in some cases, additional education courses or graduate degrees.
- ◆ Complete a state-approved, accredited education program. Major or minor in education – usually needed for elementary teaching.
- ◆ Major in the subject area in which they plan to teach – normally for middle and high school teaching.
- ◆ Possess a solid liberal arts foundation – normally confirmed by passing a state test or the Praxis exam, a test available from Educational Testing Service. (Military personnel should consult first with their DANTES Test Control Officer.)



Note that possession of a Master's Degree in Education does not automatically equal certification. Each state has its own licensing or certification rules.

Most states offer alternative certification options which are often used by adults seeking second career options. Some programs are state operated. Others are national programs that provide nontraditional routes to teaching for recent college graduates. For more information about alternative certification, consult the TTT dropdown link to Alternative Certification Programs. Additionally, consult the TTT dropdown link to universities offering Certification via Distance Learning. TTT participants should first discuss all options with their respective TTT state office.

Alternative programs normally require successful completion of certain exams. These vary from state to state, and may include additional training and courses. In addition to

possessing a bachelor's degree in the subject to be taught, one may also be required to pass a state exam, attend a teacher prep program or course, and serve an apprenticeship in a district-supervised program.

This summary of licensing and certification requirements is derived from text provided by the National Teacher Recruitment Clearinghouse.

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related to their trade or Military Occupational Specialty (MOS). The Army currently promotes their soldiers to junior grade noncommissioned officers using a scoring system that allows them to earn and compile points from such areas as education, awards, special achievements, and performance.

Other Services are considering similar recognition and advancement for members achieving professional and technical certification related to their military occupations.

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